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New Director to Broaden Scope of Camp

Camp Wing is in the throes of change these days and who better to provide leadership than a camping professional who is president-elect of the New England contingent of the American Camping Association. (ACA).

Tim Millbern, new Executive Director and CEO, was appointed in late September to lead Camp Wing, founded in 1936, into the next millennium.

"Tim brings lots of enthusiasm and ideas to his new position," said Dr. Peter Grape, Trustee President of the Camp's owner, Crossroads for Kids, Inc., of Boston.

Originally from the Mid-

west and more recently from Cape Cod and Connecticut, Tim has been a YMCA Camp executive for over 20 years.

"The key thing I want to do is continue the important work that this organization has done over the past 63 years and continues to do with the young people from the Boston neighborhoods."

Millbern's regional post came on the heels of a national service award from the ACA, of which he is on the National Board of Directors.

A board of trustees oversees the Camp and assists in decision making.

Camp Wing in West

Duxbury has a day camp in the summer attended mostly by local kids and an overnight camp at the Duxbury Stockade which caters to kids from many inner city neighborhoods.

Millbern said his focus will be to concentrate on facilities improvement and good fiscal management at the Camps.

"Without good financial management and the generosity of contributors it is difficult to accomplish updated facilities. My vision is that these Camps can be a model for service to less privileged children ... both in program and facility."

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Expanding the Camp's year-round program is also high on Millbern's list. "The young people we serve need to know that we are here more than just two months of the summer", he said. "I can see our program collaborating with other city-based agencies that can offer the year round contact while we become the experts for the summer-based programs."

Last year, the 600+ acre Camp Wing sold 354 acres of its conservation land to the town of Duxbury in a \$2.2 million sale which was a "win win" for the town and the Camp. Crossroads for Kids, which needed funds for facil-



Tim Millbern

ity improvements, chose to work with the town to preserve the land instead of selling it for a higher price to developers. In exchange, the Camp can still use the land for passive outdoor recreation.

"We were thrilled recently

when our neighbor to the north for 34 years, Ed Soule on Myrtle St., gave Crossroads for Kids his 7.5 acre property after deciding to move in with his nephew," said Millbern. "We are extremely grateful for this wonderful gift and to the man who wanted children to enjoy it."

Soule, himself, built the house on the property and the

land's 1,000 foot stone wall by hand. His donated property is adorned with pear, pecan, chestnut and walnut trees.

Millbern said he sees part of his role as making sure that Camp Wing is no longer Duxbury's best kept secret.

"We feel we have developed a great relationship with the town but we want to improve on that," said Millbern. "We

share in this open space and that makes us all part of one community," he said.

As for the focus of Camp Wing and the Duxbury Stockade, Millbern said growth and change are in order.

"We want to be sure the programs are such that we are really making a difference here. They need to have an impact not just be a fun camp," he said.